KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
EMERGENCY - SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY 2:20 P.M. OCTOBER 20, 2014

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Gary Berndt and Commissioner Obie O’Brien.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board and Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director.

SPECIAL MEETING DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE

At 2:21 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened an Emergency Special Meeting to consider a Declaration of Emergency relating to the Jail Emergency Lighting.

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Interim Maintenance Director explained how the Kittitas County Correctional Facility is under a State of Emergency since the “Emergency Lighting Power Inverter” was damaged by water during an incident which an inmate triggered the sprinkler system that caused flooding. If the Jail were to lose power and not have a Power Inverter in place, it could result in injury to both Staff and inmates due to accidents or deliberate acts, and property would be vulnerable unless further immediate efforts are taken to reduce the threat of life and property. The County had contracted to have the work performed and received bids accordingly, however the Contractor is no longer in business and the existing contract is thus void, rendering the original bidding process no longer useable. By approving a Declaration of Emergency it would allow the Maintenance Department to directly purchase the custom built Inverter from the supplier and contact specialized electrical contractors to complete the repairs as quickly as possible.

There were comments on the importance of getting the problem resolved as quickly as possible before winter and when power is most likely to be interrupted due to weather conditions. Ms. Johnson said if they were to go back through the bid process it would not be completed until sometime after January and the installation would be delayed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.